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In re Patent Application of :
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Application No. 09/779,117 :
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Filed: February 8, 2001 :
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For: ELECTRICAL CONNECTION WITH :
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Group Art Unit: 3729
Examiner: S.P. SMITH
Date: July 23, 2002

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In the Claims

Cancel claims 29-40 without disclaimer or prejudice.

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed July 2, 2002, the shortened statutory period for filing a response being set to expire on August 2, 2002. In view of the within election, an action on the merits is respectfully awaited.

The Examiner has indicated that the present application includes claims directed to independent and distinct inventions.

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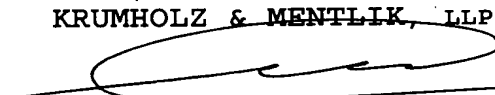
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Specifically, the Examiner identifies Group I, claims 1-28 directed to an interposer; Group II, claims 29-37, directed to a method of making an interposer connection; and Group III, claims 38-40, directed to a circuit assembly. In view of the requirements set forth by the Examiner for restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants hereby elect the Group I invention, corresponding to claims 1-28. Applicants further cancel the non-elected claims 29-40 without disclaimer or prejudice. In this regard, Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications with respect to the non-elected inventions.

An action on the merits is respectfully awaited. If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that the foregoing action cannot be taken, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 908-654-5000 so as to overcome any additional objections he may have. If there are any fees to be incurred in connection with the response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit No. 12-1095 therefor.

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